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BIOLOGICAL AND OTHER MATERIALS BY LUMINESCENCE METHODS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

This response is to the supplemental Official Action of May 21, 2002, Paper No. 11.

Responsive to the Examiner's request for an election of a single reactive group and specific designation of X and Y, applicants elect the reactive group as hydroxysuccinimide ester (c.f. claim 16 dependent on claim 13). The specific designation of X and Y is CH₃-H-CH₃.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Please note that the correspondence address for this application was changed by Notice of December 19, 2001 to the undersigned. An additional Notice of Address Change is filed concurrently with this response.

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